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## BRIDGE ACROSS THE CHOWAN RIVER AT EDENTON, N. C.

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Mr. LADD, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 4229]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4229) granting the consent of Congress to the State Highway Commission of North Carolina to construct a bridge across the Chowan River at or near the city of Edenton, N. C., having considered the same, report favorably thereon, and recommend that the bill do pass without amendment.

The bill has the approval of the Departments of War and Agriculture, as will appear by the annexed communication.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, *February 12, 1925.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

The accompanying bill, S. 4229, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, "granting the consent of Congress to the State Highway Commission of North Carolina to construct a bridge across the Chowan River at or near the city of Edenton, North Carolina," is in the general form of such measures adopted by Congress, and so far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to its favorable consideration.

The Chowan River is, however, wholly within the limits of the State of North Carolina, and the proposed bridge can consequently be authorized by State law and duly constructed provided the plans are submitted to and approved by the Chief of Engineers and Secretary of War before construction is commenced, in conformity with the Federal law contained in section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899. The enactment of this measure therefore appears to be unnecessary.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
Washington, February 12, 1925.

Hon. W. L. JONES,  
Chairman Committee on Commerce,  
United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR JONES: The department has received your letter of February 6, transmitting a copy of S. 4229 with request for suggestions relating to the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage.

The bill would grant the consent of Congress to the State Highway Commission of North Carolina to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Chowan River at or near Edenton, Chowan County, N. C. As the proposed structure is not located on the system of Federal-aid highways, this department has no suggestions to offer regarding this bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*